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1. On 2 July 1951, Soviet minesweepers [redacted] were in the Neptun Shipyard in Rostock for a check and overhaul of their radio apparatus. They had no armament. Minesweepers [redacted] left the shipyard on 10 July 1951. A freight-car labelled Military Items [redacted] was seen on the spur track to the shipyard on 29 June 1951. (1) About 250 Soviet Navy personnel were billeted in the former Witzleben Kaserne on Ulmenstrasse on 1 June 1951. (2)

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2. During the period from 28 May to 2 July 1951, KT boats [redacted] left Warnemuende for daily patrol cruises along the coast and on the Breitling as far as Rostock. Motor minesweepers [redacted] lay at the eastern mole in Warnemuende during the period from 20 June to 2 July 1951. They would leave harbor for individual cruises. (3) Mines, about 800 mm in diameter, were observed on [redacted] another boat on 3 July 1951.

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3. At 2 p.m. on 1 June 1951, Soviet motor minesweepers [redacted] left Sassnitz Harbor for target practice at 3 p.m. at the chalk cliffs near Wissower Klinken. On 3 June 1951, they took on provisions in Sassnitz and left harbor for an undetermined destination at 5 a.m. on 4 June. Three boats [redacted] lay in the Western harbor in Sassnitz at 6 a.m. on 2 July 1951. They had put in at Sassnitz on 28 June.

4. Exercises of a group of Soviet PT boats were observed in Swinemuende Roads at a distance of about 2 km on 26 June 1951. The group included [redacted] PT boats [redacted] which followed in line, formed an echelon and executed other maneuvers. Upon a green Very light by the group leader, which they answered by the same signal, they changed course about 45 degrees to port. No maneuvers to starboard were observed. The group returned to Swinemuende at about 9 a.m. A group of five Polish motor minesweepers put to sea from Swinemuende at 8:30 a.m. on 26 June 1951. They included [redacted] an unidentified boat. [redacted]

- 5) Soviet minesweepers [redacted] and boats [redacted] were beside the outer quay of the Ostswine in the morning of [redacted]

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26 June. Vessels observed in Osternothafen on 26 June 1951 included

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nine PT boats

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(2) The crews of the Soviet warships lying in the Neptun Shipyard are billeted in the Witzleben Kaserne.

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(3) A number of the ~~major~~ minesweepers are employed by the Russians in salvaging U 345, U 1308, and U 3519 three former German submarines which were scuttled or sunk off Warnemuende. Submarines U 345 and U 1308 are of the VIIC-type and U 3519 of the XXI-type. Salvage operations were observed at 54°20'N/12°08'E in June 1951.

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(4) PT boats were of the ELCO-type.

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